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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether forests are undergoing a phenomenal shift, endangering biodiversity and causing regional climate changes/dynamics in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any study has been conducted in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to preserve biodiversity?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Some important steps taken by the Government for conservation of biological diversity inter alia include: survey and inventorisation of floral and faunal resources; assessment of the forest cover to develop an accurate database for planning and monitoring; establishment of a Protected Area Network of National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries, Conservation and Community Reserves; designating Biosphere Reserves for conservation of representative ecosystems; undertaking of species oriented programmes, such as Project Tiger and Project Elephant; complemented with ex-situ conservation efforts. In addition, Biological Diversity Act 2002 has also been enacted with the aim to conserve biological resources of the country and regulation of access to these resources to ensure equitable sharing of benefits arising out of their use, under which a National Biodiversity Authority and State Biodiversity Boards have been set up for implementing the provisions of the Act.